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Program for JRDB - CIG Cooperation in  
the Field of Scientific Intelligence

1. In recognition of the importance to national security of adequate foreign scientific intelligence, a series of joint meetings have been held by the Joint Research and Development Board and the Central Intelligence Group in order to determine a program whereby the existing intelligence facilities could be strengthened by closer cooperation between the two agencies.
2. As a result of these joint discussions, the Joint Research and Development Board and the Director of Central Intelligence (pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 2 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1) have agreed to adopt the program which is attached hereto as a basis for future cooperation on matters of scientific intelligence nature.

/s/ Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director of Central Intelligence

/s/ V. Bush  
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Chairman  
Joint Research and Development Board

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1. Scientific intelligence. For the purpose of this paper, scientific intelligence is considered to include all matters pertaining to foreign research and development to the point of production which have a bearing on the national security of the United States.
2. The Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG.
  - a. A Scientific Branch has been established within the Office of Reports and Estimates, Central Intelligence Group, which will assume initiative and responsibility for the development and coordination of an overall national program of scientific intelligence.
  - b. The Scientific Branch will be headed by an individual acceptable to the Joint Research and Development Board and the Director of Central Intelligence. In addition to his other duties, he will serve as a scientific intelligence advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence.
  - c. It is recognized that the Scientific Branch will function with intellectual freedom in consonance with its official responsibilities. The Chief of the Branch will have direct access to CIG and JRDB activities associated with the requirements of his Branch. He

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will also have needed direct contact on scientific intelligence matters with the Chairman, JRDB, and the Director, CIG.

3. Responsibilities of the Scientific Branch, CIG. The Scientific Branch, CIG, will be responsible for:

- a. The development of scientific intelligence on a national basis.
- b. The continuing formulation and revision of fundamental national scientific intelligence requirements in collaboration with JRDB, the Army, Navy, Air Forces, State Department, and other agencies.
- c. The formulation of definite plans and the coordination of action required to implement national scientific intelligence requirements through adequate collection and analysis of information by all established means or means capable of establishment.
- d. The preparation of estimates of scientific capabilities and intentions of foreign nations.
- e. The correlation of scientific estimates with those in other fields in the formulation of intelligence estimates of the overall strategic situation.

4. Relationship between CIG and JRDB

- a. It is recognized that CIG should be kept informed of the research and development fields in the United States which are of significance to the effective performance of its foreign intelligence mission. There is also clearly a close relationship between the responsibilities of the

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JRDB and the availability of adequate intelligence, especially in regard to assessing our own military potential as compared to that of foreign powers in the scientific field. Close liaison between CIG and JRDB will therefore be required.

b. In implementation of such liaison, as authorized by paragraph 2 of NIA Directive No. 1, CIG will:

- (1) Provide JRDB with such available foreign intelligence as is necessary in assessing the adequacy of our national research and development program.
- (2) Provide JRDB with detailed foreign intelligence on scientific items of specific interest.

c. In implementation of such liaison, JRDB will:

- (1) Upon request from the Director of Central Intelligence, cooperate in securing the necessary qualified personnel for the Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG.
- (2) Provide the Chief, Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, or qualified representatives designated by him, with such access to JRDB meetings and files as are necessary in the accomplishment of the intelligence mission of CIG.
- (3) Upon request from the Chief, Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, assist with such facilities as it has at its disposal in the solution of specific scientific intelligence problems.
- (4) Assign a member of the Programs Division, JRDB, to the task of maintaining day-to-day liaison with CIG

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- (5) Pass to Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, any broad intelligence objectives which come to the attention of the Board and assist in the formulation of scientific intelligence requirements.
- (6) Encourage direct contact between the Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, and the JFDB.
- (7) Promote and encourage research and development on improved methods, techniques and devices applicable to intelligence work.

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March 13, 1947

Dr. Vannevar Bush  
Chairman, Joint Research and  
Development Board  
Room 3151 New War Department Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bush:

Pending the arrival of the Chief of the Scientific Branch, I am most anxious that the Central Intelligence Group afford you every service possible on an interim basis.

I have, therefore, issued a memorandum to my offices which sets up the functional operation within CIG in this respect. This system will, I believe, provide the close cooperation envisioned by our agreement. A copy of this memorandum is attached hereto.

I have designated [ ] as Acting Chief of the Scientific Branch and have directed him to report to you, and to make himself available to you and your Board for all intelligence requirements, or other intelligence matters which you may desire. I hope you will feel free to refer all intelligence requirements or other matters to us through [ ]

If, in any way, I personally, or my Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates can be of further assistance to you at any time, please call on us direct.

Sincerely,

Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ORE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OCD  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OO  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OSO  
CHIEF, ICAPS

Mar 13 1947

SUBJECT: Operations - Intelligence Relationship of CIG with JRDB

Reference: "Program for JRDB - CIG Cooperation in the Field of  
Scientific Intelligence," dated 10 January 1947

1. In accordance with Program for JRDB-CIG Cooperation, which was jointly approved by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Chairman, JRDB, the following policies for the functional operation within CIG in its relations with JRDB are announced.

2. The Chief or Acting Chief of the Scientific Branch, ORE, under supervision of the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates, is the Intelligence Advisor to the Chairman, JRDB. In performing this function he will:

a. Report to the Chairman, JRDB, as advisor and make himself and the facilities of his branch and the CIG as a whole fully available to him.

b. Be the principal liaison and operational contact between JRDB and CIG.

c. Arrange with the control the working relationships of appropriate offices of CIG with offices, individuals, or committees of JRDB.

d. Coordinate closely with JRDB to develop and pass to OCD for appropriate processing, JRDB requirements, requests, information, and intelligence, except those matters subject to special handling or which cannot be accomplished within the framework of ORE.

e. Receive from OCD, for processing with JRDB, CIG requirements and collection requests which may be susceptible of collection from JRDB sources.

In performing the above functions, he will follow the functional organization of CIG and will be guided by the operational policies announced by the Director.

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3. On matters concerning JRDB the other offices of CIG will regard the deal with the Chief of the Scientific Branch, ORE, as they would with the Chief of intelligence of a departmental agency. Contact with operational personnel of JRDB will be arranged through the Chief of the Scientific Branch, ORE.

4. The Assistant Director, OSO, and the Assistant Director, ORE, will recommend to the Director any special arrangements necessary to the security requirements of OSO.

5. Nothing in this directive negates the control of the Scientific Branch by the Assistant Director, ORE, for the purpose of producing national intelligence in the scientific field, and general requirements related thereto or abridges the normal relationship of the Assistant Director, ORE, with the Appropriate officers of JRDB.

E. K. Wright  
Brigadier General, USA  
Deputy Director

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